theatres for exhibiting the same before feature films. These News documentaries contain development stories and other important events of National/International importance.

Misuse of Funds by Rajkot Doordarshan

749. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount has been sanctioned by the Director-General Doordarshan to the Ahmedabad, Rajkot and Bhuj Doordarshan Kendras for the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what was the actual amount spent on their projects, year-wise;

(c) what is the latest status of the project;

(d) whether there are some shortcomings;

(e) whether the Rajkot Doordarshan has misused the reserved funds for properties as the post of Property Assistant has been abolished by Station Director; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor and stern action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) The details are annexed as statement (*See* below).

(c) While the High Power TV transmitter (1KW) for relay of DD-II service at Ahmedabad has already been commissioned on 1.02.1995, the scheme for augmentation of Studio at Rajkot is in progress and expected to be completed by 1998, subject to completion of civil works and timely supply of remaining equipment. HPT (permanent set-up) at Bhuj with 300M tower, which is also presently under implementation, is expected to be redy by 1998.

(d) and (e) No, Sir.

(f) Does nto arise.

Statement

Year-wise funds allocated and the Expenditure Incurred under Capital Grant during last three Years on Doordarshan Prjects at Ahmedabad, Rajkot and Bhuj

	Fund allocated (Rs. in lakhs)			Expenditure incurred (Rs. in lakhs)		
	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
HPT (1KW) at Ahmedabad for DD-II service	-	88.95	119.11	-	86.19	119.77
Studio, Rajkot (Augmentation)	12.76	31.00	69.00	13.12	31.17	56.22
HPT, Bhuj (Permanent)	70.00	31.57	47.28	75.64	26.84	44.54

Note: For early start of DD-II service from HPT at Ahmedabad, equipment had to be diverted from elsewhere in the network. The equipment for this particular scheme was procured later on and payment were released in subsequent years.

Utilisation of funds for Producing Telefilms on Children

750. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of telefilms on children that were produced during the last three years;

(b) what was the amount earmarked for production of telefilms on children during this period;

(c) what are the reasons for non-utilising the funds given by Government; and

(d) what is the amount earmarked for the said purpose during the year 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Eleven telefilms on children were produced during the last three years. Their details are annexed as Statement (*See* below).

(b) No amount was earmarked specifically for children programmes. The expenditure on the telefilms in question was met from Doordarshan's Special Software Scheme Fund.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) An amount of rupees five crores has been earmarked for Special Audience Programmes from which programmes for